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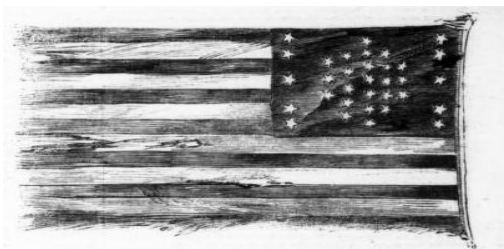
Lady Liberty's Suicide

Fight for the soul of the land

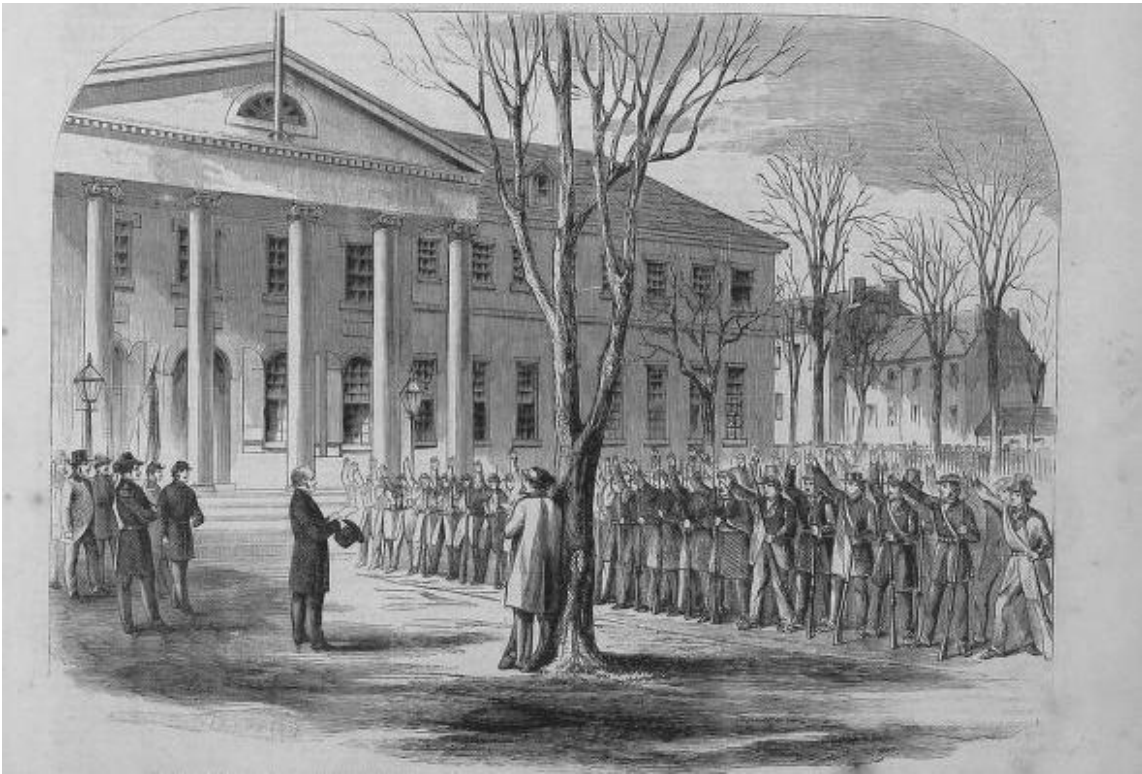
85 years after the formation of the United States of America, democracy is now being tested. The Union faces a conflict in which two sides are rigid and firmly planted in their stances with neither side giving an inch for another to breathe. Over the ever-present conflict regarding the institution of slavery which has plagued this country with strife since its formation, it seems that this simple disagreement has become a chain reaction due to the moral, economic, and social conflicts which have arisen between many different types of people. With Majority sentiment having been against the westward expansion of slavery, the Slave-owning southern states have opted for secession, citing that they could peacefully leave the union if they feel the government is not properly serving their needs.

This past April there was an attack on Fort Sumter where disputes of Property came into play. Southern states demand that the government hand over all federal government buildings to the state government, citing that since they are no longer part of the union the government must hand over the land and the buildings to the state. This however comes into conflict with the fact that the Federal government has always legally owned these buildings, and that no man should ever be allowed to force the property of another to be relinquished, which is the crux of the secessionist arguments.

Furthermore, the recent secessions by many Different states have created many border issues. Many families who were in border areas were split apart due to the secessionist's decision, creating further conflict and chaos as families are unwillingly broken apart by the split voted on by state legislature. The inability to compromise with the fellow neighbor has taken the freedom given to us by our Creator and turned it into a knife by which we now stab Lady Liberty with.



Caption: The flag that once had flown atop Fort Sumter in it's current condition



CAPTION: GENERAL THOMAS SWEARING IN THE VOLUNTEERS CALLED INTO THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Confusion in the State Legislature

Monthly political news and opinions

This past April there was a call amongst the Legislator in Kentucky for its status on the Union. This comes after Kentucky's recognition of states' abilities to secede considering the conditions are correct. A vote was held first to entertain the idea of secession which passed with overwhelming majority, which then went into a direct vote as to whether Kentucky should secede from the union itself which failed, leading to a series of questions as to how Kentucky ought to proceed with the current political state of affairs.

The attack on Fort Sumter has called into question the ability to remain neutral and peaceful amongst two sides which are warring amongst each other. Despite the vote to remain in the Union having the optics of an Anti-Secessionist stance, Kentucky's Legislator has affirmed that this is still not a full endorsement of the federal government as it stands. This culminated in a debate as to whether the state should send regiments to President Lincoln as he called for following the attack on Fort Sumter. The legislature first decided to amend the agreement to keep the troops in Kentucky for defense but have government backing in the event of an attack, but after the amendment was made, the legislator ultimately decided against it despite its decision to remain in the union.

Furthermore, in an act far more shocking, when a vote was called to respond to the confederacy for a regiment to be given, the legislator UNANIMOUSLY voted against the idea. Not even those who voted against staying in the union attempted to try and honor this request

Amongst the bluegrass region itself there has been much conflict amongst the representatives of the different districts, coming into blows this past April under the revelations that half of the region's representatives are Unionist while the other half are Secessionists.

Overall, the past month in the legislature has only led to far more questions than answers. If we are neutral, why remain in the union? If we are in the Union, why not accept government backing to protect the southern end of our border? If we are again Neutral, why be so conflicted with helping the union, but then Unanimously against helping the south? Not even the secessionists in Bluegrass bothered to cast out a vote in agreement in this regard. Furthermore, for how much longer will Kentucky fumble its thumbs as there is a clear larger dispute brewing between two sides of its border?

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THE NEW YORK FIRE ZOUAVES:
Doing good work in Washington

The Latest Monthly Updates

Many of our journals have been parading the somewhat free and easy conduct of our Firemen at Zouaves in Washington. It could hardly be expected that men so singularly constituted by their associators and so unrestrained by their position, should at once fall into the routine of discipline. Col. Ellsworth has done his best, and has reduced some order out of chaos, and a few weeks active service will convert the New York Firemen Zouaves into one of the best disciplined and most effective regiments in the service.

Their last exploit in Washington, which has gained them the goodwill of every citizen and raised them high in the estimation of the authorities, is thus described by an eye-witness.



Caption: Williard’s Hotel Fire cited in the story

At two o’clock this morning, Thursday, May 9th, most unearthly and long continued yells announced to the startled citizens that fire was at its mischief, and had attacked a liquor establishment next door but one to Willard’s immense Hotel. Immediately Gen. Mansfield, Col. McDowell, and others, were in attendance, while the guests of the hotel, in varied wardrobes, filled the corridors and avenues thereof. In a short time the fire was extinguished and all was pronounced safe.

About four o’clock another fire announcement was made, and this time fierce flames were seen rushing from the lower part of the building that had been on fire before. The bells rang for aid, but no aid appeared, and meanwhile the flames spread with fearful rapidity toward the hotel, which was filled with dense volumes of smoke. After seemingly interminable delay, one or two inefficient fire companies appeared, against whose feeble efforts the fire made continued progress.

At this juncture Gen. Mansfield bethought him of our gallant fire laddies, and dispatched an Aid to Col. Ellsworth, asking for a detachment. “Fire! fire!” rang through the quarters, and in the twinkling of an eye ten men from each company were running swiftly and in order down the broad avenue, headed by their Colonel.



Caption: Unrelated Fire at Harper’s Ferry. U.S Arsenal burning

After two hours’ hard and perfect work, they subdued the fire, confining it to the original building and the one next to it. In complete order they were marshaled, when Col. Ellsworth led them up the hill, where Gen. Mansfield, bareheaded, addressed them, thanking and praising them, and repeating several times, “I am proud of you, very proud of you.” The building was fired by Secessionists in four places. The matter will be thoroughly investigated by the Fire Marshal. It is without doubt one of a series of movements to destroy the city by fire, to which allusion h\as been made before.

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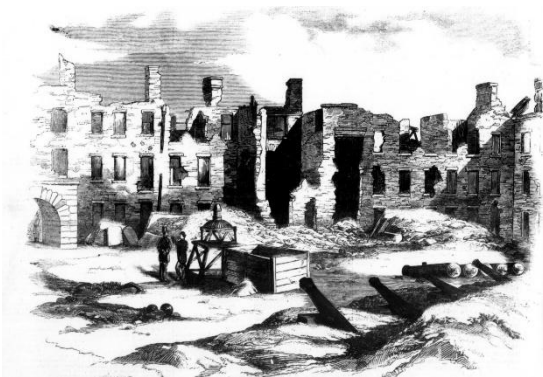
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**THE WAR NEWS
FROM THE SOUTH**

The Latest Monthly Updates



Caption: Fort Sumter in it’s current condition after the April 13th Attack by confederate forces following a Property Dispute with the federal government

VIRGINIA.—Advices from Richmond are very interesting. Governor Letcher has seized all light-draft vessels and steamers for privateering purposes. The regular liners Yorktown and Jamestown are now being fitted with privateering armaments, and are to be manned very fully. The privateering enlistment is very active, and, no doubt, by a week hence thirty vessels will be sent out from Richmond alone. When these steamers were seized, our flag was hauled down and the Secession flag hoisted and saluted.

There are between 4,000 and 6,000 troops in Richmond, of whom 2,000 are South Carolinians. All are eager for Washington, which they expect to have in a week. The surrender of Fort Sumpter intoxicates them, and they feel as though they were omnipotent, Troops are being daily sent to Harper’s Ferry and Alexandria. Their belief is that there are but 5 000 troops at Washington, that Maryland has blocked future transportation, and that demoralization exists at the North. If Washington is attacked it will be by bombardment.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS AT SAVANNAH.—The Savannah newspapers state that the Governor has filled the requisition of the Confederate Government for one thousand volunteers, and they are now arriving at the rate of two companies per day. At the forts and barracks near the city are six hundred regulars, as vigorous and effective men as are to be found anywhere, and besides these about fifteen hundred volunteers belonging to the various city companies, all under thorough drill.

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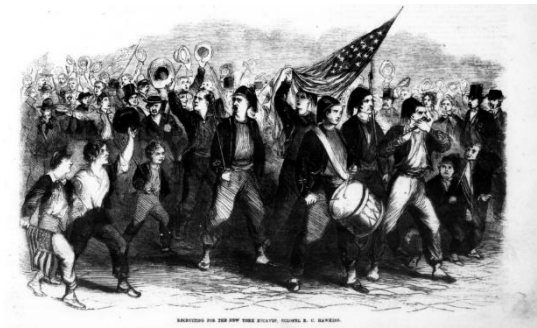
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Caption: Recruiting for the United States Military

